

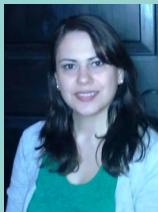
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# Ward 6 - Newsletter

## Tucson First

April 14, 2014

### Motor Lodge on Stone

Last Friday a bunch of us attended a meeting to talk about an adaptive re-use of an historic building over on Stone. The concept is great – remodel the space and use it for low income folks, with an emphasis on veterans. It's close to the downtown core, near the streetcar line, close to jobs – works great. Except that what was involved in getting permits and going through the appropriate public process is so screwed up that I left the meeting with the same sense of frustration that Anderson feels in this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BKorP55Aqvg>



We've set up a new Office of Integrated Planning. I have full faith in the staff who are assigned to run that Office. Coming away from the Motor Lodge meeting I know they feel my pain – if only because I was a bit pointed in some of my comments. We have to put in place a process in which stakeholders have an early voice in development, and where the project team knows the ground rules they're going to be asked to play by, also early in the process. If funding sources change, so do review requirements. If a building has certain designations, so do notice requirements. I only note this here to give Nicole, Rebecca and the rest of the OIP team encouragement as they wrap their arms around the challenges in front of them. One 'Anderson' in the room was plenty. I'm sure they'll sort things out. However the processes that are resolved must be codified so there's no room for meandering interpretations.

### Tucson Clean and Beautiful and Parks

Let's move to a few Parks related items. Less frustration involved.

The video linked below was produced by Rick Rose from Film Creations over on Broadway and Campbell. He's a local media production guy who does quality work for the community. He got ahold of some of my Intercollegiate Athletics Dept co-workers and shot this PSA:

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### Important Phone Numbers

**Tucson Police  
Department**

**911 or 791-4444  
nonemergency**

**Mayor & Council  
Comment Line**

**791-4700**

**Neighborhood  
Resources**

**791-4605**

**Park Wise**

**791-5071**

**Water Issues**

**791-3242**

**Pima County Animal  
Control**

**243-5900**

**Street Maintenance  
791-3154**

**Planning and  
Development  
Services 791-5550**

**Southwest Gas  
889-1888**

**Gas Emergency/  
Gas Leaks**

**889-1888**

**West Nile Virus**

**Hotline**

**243-7999**

**Environment  
Service**

**791-3171**

**Graffiti Removal**

**792-2489**

**AZ Game & Fish**

**628-5376**

## Continued: A Message From Steve

It's a theme that we're starting to push out. We need all hands on deck to help keep the City presentable. The budget items you've been seeing in this newsletter make it pretty clear that the City coffers can't be relied on to be the community custodian. Thanks to Rick, Tucson Clean and Beautiful and the folks on the PSA for sharing their time in putting this video together.

...also on the Parks theme, below is a photo of the existing Himmel Park library entryway and a rendering that shows one of several proposed landscape projects that would beautify the space. The project is the concept of several Sam Hughes neighborhood residents who came together to try to upgrade the historic park. Right now they're in the conceptual design stage.



A few months ago I took part in an evening exercise during which a couple dozen of us reviewed about 10 different project plans. The plans were the creative work of Grad students who are attending the UA College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture. The plans all included some common themes. Those were the use of desert, low maintenance plants, the use of water harvesting and/or retention basins, shade for park patrons and generally an aesthetic upgrade to the site. The Himmel project folks have also partnered with the Girl Scouts to sell tiles at the entry as a way of defraying costs.

The project, whichever design is finally agreed to, will likely cost in the \$25K range. There's a fund raising campaign on right now. In addition, I'll be meeting with some senior staff to see whether there are CDBG funds available to use on the project.

Himmel Park is a historic park that's nestled in the heart of midtown. The library sees over 25,000 visitors per year, so this is undeniably a regional park. The project would be a community asset. If you'd like to get involved with work on the funding you can contact the committee at [himmelproject@gmail.com](mailto:himmelproject@gmail.com). I'll make sure to include a periodic update on how the selection and funding processes are progressing.

Thanks to all of the Grad students who participated in the project presentations. And thanks to the Himmel project committee who's working hard to find creative ways to fund the project. As with the PSA message above, the City can't afford to be the funding agent for all of our community wants. We can advocate and help to find other funding sources. That's what this item is about.

...and finally, Garden District has come up with a creative solution to the aesthetic issues caused by our residential potholes. They kind of poached the idea from current protests going on over in the Ukraine.







## Important Phone Numbers

Senator John  
McCain (R)  
520-670-6334

Senator Jeff  
Flake (R)  
520-575-8633

Congressman  
Ron Barber (D)  
(2<sup>nd</sup> District)  
520-881-3588

Congressman  
Raul Grijalva (D)  
(3<sup>rd</sup> District)  
520-622-6788

Governor Janice  
Brewer (R)  
Governor of Arizona  
602-542-4331

Toll free:  
1-800-253-0883

### State Legislators

Toll Free  
Telephone:  
1-800-352-8404

Internet:  
[www.azleg.gov](http://www.azleg.gov)

Mayor Jonathan  
Rothschild  
791-4201

City Infoguide  
[http://  
cms3.tucsonaz.gov/  
infoguide](http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/infoguide)

You might recognize those flowers to be tulips. I had to remind the Garden people that we can't grow that plant here in the desert. We can, however, grow things such as periwinkles on pretty much a year 'round basis. That may cause some retooling of the idea for a Garden District application.

The Ukrainians have threatened to plant trees in the pot holes starting this month if the government doesn't repair the roads. I requested that the Garden folks resist that temptation. I also heard that their neighborhood Vice President, Kris Yarter, was already headed out, shovel in hand, to start excavating some prime potholes. We may have nipped that idea in the bud.

### Pot Cultivation Sites

Depending on what the Council decides to do after our Planning Commission report, this might also qualify as a Parks sort of item. As I noted last week, we began the process of having the Planning Commission study the idea of enlarging the allowable square footage of our pot grow sites. As a reminder, what we're considering is pot being sold for medicinal purposes. Right now we allow a maximum of 3,000 sq/ft per site. The person who requested that we increase the size of the allowable grow sites is asking for the ability to open a 50,000 sq/ft grow site.



I voted to approve moving the study process along to the Planning Commission. At the time I also stated that I wanted to see where allowable cultivation sites would be located. Why? Because I'm committed to correcting some of the record we were presented at our study session. Here are a few key points.

First, staff told us that we have 8 dispensaries and 2 cultivation sites. I've spoken with some of the mgmt. of the cultivation sites and have confirmed that we have 3, not 2. The one staff failed to note during our presentation is the very first one that was permitted to operate in the City. It's out at Plumber and 22<sup>nd</sup> Street. Why does that matter? Because we should know where the stuff is being grown, and because if only 3 of the 8 dispensaries are growing their own, it might indicate that the local market might not be underserved.

To that point – I'm told by one of the cultivation sites that they are regularly wholesaling product to Phoenix dispensaries. There are no Tucson medicinal pot patients who are going to Phoenix for their product due to a lack of supply. If we had a low supply, more than 3 of the 8 would be growing.

The Feds have put Colorado and California on notice that if they exceed 10,000 sq/ft in capacity for their allowable grow facilities it will invite further scrutiny, up to and including possible litigation from D.C. Remember, the guy who testified at our council meeting last week is asking for a 50,000 sq/ft cultivation site. If one can believe the threat from the Feds, we'd end up in court if we approved a site of that size. And if we lost, the potential for a Prop 207 lawsuit from the owner of that site would be real. One might argue that if we allowed him to build a site that large and then came back and told him he had to make it smaller, we'd have downzoned his property and cost him income potential. I don't know who'd win a case with that many moving parts, but if we don't have to place ourselves in that exposed position, we shouldn't.

We also might be positioning ourselves for cluster development of the facilities. Increasing the size of the grow facilities will necessarily increase the amount available for local dispensaries. The law allows rural dispensaries to move into Tucson (or other areas with higher densities of patients) after having been permitted for 3 years. Here's the provision that allows it:

### R9-17-306. Changes to a Dispensary Registration Certificate

A. A dispensary may not transfer or assign the dispensary registration certificate.

B. A dispensary may change the location of the:

1. Dispensary:

a. Within the first three years after the Department issues the dispensary's registration certificate, to another location in the CHAA where the dispensary is located; or

b. **After the first three years after the Department issues a dispensary registration certificate to the dispensary, to another location in the state;**

Earlier this year the Arizona Department of Health Services held a conference to talk about the various rules that were in place. During that conference they discussed the 'waiting it out' strategy to locate to Tucson. De-

partment Director Will Humble suggested this strategy, not as a way to encourage Tucson sites, but as a way to encourage early applications to sparsely populated rural areas. Here's a comment from the ADHS web site:

*We added a provision in the final rules that allow rural dispensary owners to move their dispensaries anywhere in the State after 3 years (subject to local zoning approval, Department approval, and the \$2,500 fee). This way, a rural dispensary operator could decide after 3 years whether they want to move to an area in the state with a higher density of qualified patients.*

Since the demand for this product is fixed by the number of patients, encouraging more dispensaries into an area would likely have the effect of shutting down or limiting the size of local facilities, not creating more jobs as was suggested by the people on the council who are promoting the change to allow larger grow sites. The market will sort out survivors. Unless the number of patients increases, the number of jobs won't. We might want to consider amending our current Ordinance to limit dispensaries to one per CHAA (Community Health Analysis Area), ahead of the 3 year window, but nobody's talking about limitations, only expansions.

As I noted last week, I'm going to keep an open mind on the size issue, but based on the reports from our existing local cultivation sites and dispensaries, I'm not buying into the proposition that we've got a shortage of supply here in Tucson. We do have one site that's growing a species that contains 15% CBD. That's an active agent in the plant that increases appetite, decreases pain but does not get you high. The psychoactive chemical in the plant is THC. Cancer patients are buying the CBD product as meds. The higher the CBD content, the less of a buzz people get when smoking or eating it. I only mention this because if we're really going to talk about this issue from a medicinal standpoint, we should acknowledge that our 'patients' have access to a product that's not bred to get them high, that none of them are forced to Phoenix for lack of a local product, that we potentially expose ourselves to litigation if we let the sites expand, and that if the goal is to increase the number of local jobs, our increasing the size of grow facilities might simply have the net result of encouraging relocation of outside dispensaries and driving out existing local businesses. That's not a net increase in jobs.

More on this one to come, but I wanted to toss in a few points for clarification. My sense is that the real motivation behind wanting to allow larger cultivation sites now is to get out ahead of a possible 2016 'recreational use' ballot measure. If so, let's just call it what it is and have a conversation about the possible legal and market-driven implications of us making the change.

#### **UA Funding and the Legislature**

We operate in a tri-University system with us, ASU and NAU. The Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) oversees the three institutions and the State Legislature votes on how much money is allocated to the University system. Based on three different metrics, the UA drew the short straw.

It should first be noted that the UA was allocated \$3.5M for its Cooperative Extension program. That's a good thing and I'm sure all of the administrators and students impacted will be grateful. But the \$2M allocated in 'discretionary funds' doesn't begin to reflect the value of the significant research work being done – using local dollars to leverage millions of dollars in outside funding (Mars lander, Optics, Heart Research, Geosciences?) as well as the total collapse of the Legislature's support for a UA Veterinary program. We've seen recent reports about the local economic impact of DMAFB, but the UA can boast one that exceeds \$8B annually. The Legislature puts that at risk by its short-sighted budgeting.

Here are some comparisons that show who got the lion's share of this year's funding.

#### **Percentage of total ABOR funding request received by each university:**

- ASU, 53%
- NAU, 43%
- UA, 15.8%

#### **Total dollars allocated:**

- ASU, \$23.5 million
- NAU, \$9.4 million
- UA, \$5.5 million

### Impact of the State's sweep of savings generated by refinancing State-issued research infrastructure bonds, per institution:

- ASU, \$522,000
- NAU, \$408,000
- UA, \$4.6 million

The City can't force any change in how the UA is treated by the State, but it's an election year and I believe where candidates stand on support of this key economic driver is totally fair game at any forum you might attend.

### State, Local and Greyhounds

If you've followed this newsletter for a while you'll recognize the following three items are related to Tucson Greyhound Park:

- ⇒ There is a proposed Bill at the State right now (SB1282) that eliminates all local control over track operations.
- ⇒ The Track has been receiving a "Hardship" tax credit from the General Fund for well over a dozen years that has now totaled over \$6M.
- ⇒ Injury reports of the animals are not regularly reported, and figuring out how to access those reports by the public is like solving a Rubik's Cube.

There may be some amendments added to 1282 during the final readings at the Committee of the Whole this week that would address each of those items. I've spoken with several of our State legislators in support of each change and if you feel inclined to weigh in, you can get their contact information by Googling Arizona State Legislature. Generally though, it's their first initial, last name and .azleg.gov. For example, Victoria Steele is [vsteele@azleg.gov](mailto:vsteele@azleg.gov) (she's a supporter, by the way).

So there are three opportunities:

- 1) Repeal the pre-emption language,
- 2) Remove the Hardship tax credit, and
- 3) Restore full reporting of greyhound injuries and deaths.

For the record, until the month I was elected back in 2009, the State produced those injury records. Some small irony embedded in that?

There's more, from the local level. Over the past couple of weeks I've been requesting that Pima Animal Care Center begin to obtain from Tucson Greyhound Park the Disposition Reports and Track Logs that will show the injury status of each dog out there. Once PACC gets the reports, they become public record. From the exchanges you'll see just what a closed loop this industry has created for itself. There's the track, PACC, and the State Dept. of Racing. The goal is to protect the industry, not the animals.

Let's start with this, from the ADOR:

- **The Department does not have any records and is not aware of any medications being administered at Tucson Greyhound Park for the purpose of suppressing estrus.**

Seriously? That, after KGUN caught a veterinarian on tape administering steroids to the animals – which was the catalyst for us passing our steroid ban. But they're careful to say that they 'don't have any records.' If they don't request them, they don't have them, and they don't become public records.

So I asked PACC to get them and here's the response:

**Re:** *Update on Tucson Greyhound Park disposition reports and track log reports*



Caged greyhound at TGP

*Last week we requested the reports listed above from the Arizona Racing Commission Chief Steward Daniel Rienertson. He recently advised us that we need to get the reports from the Tucson Greyhound Park (TGP) General Manager Dale Popp. I attempted to contact Mr. Popp earlier this morning and left him a message asking him to return my call today so arrangements could be made to meet with one of our Officers tomorrow afternoon to provide us with the reports we have been requesting. I also advised him that Mr. Rienertson directed us to get the reports from TGP's general manager.*

*I will try and contact Mr. Popp later in the day and if my call is not returned today, my plan is to send one of our officers tomorrow afternoon which is a race day and all their staff should be present during that time.*



That was last week...tick, tick, tick – no follow through from PACC.

There's State General Fund money involved (CPS or funding for the UA?), local control issues, and the welfare of the animals all wrapped up in the State collaborating to protect the gaming industry. It's all unnecessary if they simply allow the Track to operate as a large off-track-betting site without racing dogs, but then the horse guys get panicked that they'll lose betters at their own racing locations (there are none in Tucson while Rillito is off season).

It's gonna come crashing down on them and I'll stay engaged to keep you included as the momentum continues.

#### **Civilian Casualty Care Training**

A while back Amy and I attended an afternoon training course on Emergency Casualty Care that was geared towards civilians. Civilians are largely the real first responders to an unexpected emergency incident, so the training was focused on how to deal with the situation and avoid becoming a casualty yourself – and stay out of the way of the emergency personnel when they arrive. We've got the people who give the training now lined up to offer it at the Ward 6 office on Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. We'll start at 5:30 and end at 8:30pm. There'll be breaks built into the evening.

We have floated this to several of our neighborhood associations and to the Downtown Tucson Partnership staff. Everybody who receives this newsletter is similarly invited to come and take part. There's no charge for this event – just try to give us a quick heads-up by phone (791.4601) or by email ([Ward6@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:Ward6@tucsonaz.gov)) so we know about how many people to expect.

The Medical Reserve Corps of Southern Arizona is leading the charge on this. Also involved are Dr. Sheldon Marks, Captain Blume (TFD) and Tim Siemsen – none of them though representing their professional organizations as a part of this, but they are bringing their professional expertise to the table. Please mark your calendars and plan on being a participant. Having gone through it, I can attest that it is information you may want to have been shown when something happens at your home or out in a public setting—anyplace where you're called on to be the actual first responder. You might save a life.

#### **Budget Roundtable**

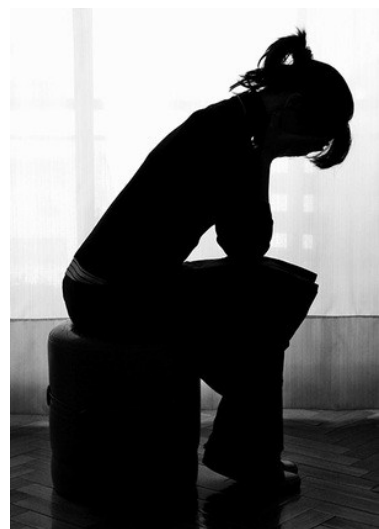
Another event for your calendar is Tuesday's Budget Roundtable that we're hosting at Ward 6 (3202 E 1<sup>st</sup> Street). I have now been told that the mayor, Karin, and Paul all plan on coming. Other council office staff will be there too, so your input will have an audience that comprises the majority of the Council members. No, we're not violating Open Meetings – the mayor does not count towards a quorum.

Our Finance people will open with a short overview of the budget. Then we'll shift to listening to those who come and want to share their thoughts/desires, etc. We will have a sign-in sheet for anybody who wants to speak. We may need to do that so we know at the start the amount of time we'll be able to allot to each speaker, based on how many people sign up. We'll go through that on Tuesday. It's really important that we hear from you, but maybe equally important is that you all hear from one another, too. The needs of the community are greater than the Council budget has the capacity to meet – collaboration coming from your sharing with others in the room is certainly a goal I'm hoping to see as a by-product of this meeting.



We'll start at 5:30 and end at 8pm.

### Free Ever After / Sold No More



Last week there was a protest outside of TPD headquarters by a group who takes the position that sex trade is a career of choice and should be left alone. If I believed that I wouldn't be so involved with organizing Project RAISE – the diversion program we are sponsoring that gives prostitutes an option to get services instead of jail. We've done two, and will do another sometime before the end of summer.

The people we've seen at our first two rounds of Project RAISE validate the premise that calling sex trafficking a career choice misrepresents the reality for many individuals. We hear of the physical, chemical and emotional abuse that keeps them in the 'trade.'

We also know this:

- Human trafficking is now the 2nd largest and fastest growing illegal trafficking activity in the world. (*United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, 2008*)

- The annual market value of human trafficking is \$32+ billion. (Ibid.) 80% of victims are women and 50% are children. (*Trafficking in Persons Report 2007, U.S. Department of State*)
- Globally, one million children are forced to work in the sex industry every year. (*Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, 2007*)
- Among the millions trafficked each year, hundreds of thousands are teenage girls, some as young as five years of age. (Ibid)
- In the U.S., handlers, "pimps," can make \$100,000 a year, per child. Child sex slaves serve from 100 to 1500 clients a year, per child. (Ibid)
- Child pornography is a multi-billion dollar industry and among the fastest growing criminal segments on the Internet. Child pornography fuels the child sex trade. (*National Center for Missing and Exploited Children*) **Let me add here that in the past 2 weeks I've seen at least 3 guys on the local news having been busted for some level of involvement with child porn – that's in Tucson and the immediate region. This is not stuff that's just happening in Asia.**
- 450,000 children run away from home each year in the U.S.. A third of those lured into sex slavery are taken within 48 hours of leaving home. (*Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, 2007*)
- More than 100,000 children are involved in sex slavery in the U.S. (Ibid)
- The average age of entry into sex slavery in the U.S. is 13 years of age. (Ibid)
- Fewer than 1,000 of the 100,000 child sex slaves in the U.S. have been assisted by federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies since 2001. (Ibid)
- 10% of trafficked children were kidnaped. Children have been kidnaped in broad daylight, in Tucson. (*Karla Dial, "Reaching Into the Dark," Citizen Magazine, March 2010, 5*)
- You can hire a teenager for sex . . . today . . . in Tucson . . . on the Internet.

If you'd like more information on sex trafficking, and the local angle, you can find it at SoldNoMore.org. You can also email them at [Info@SoldNoMore.org](mailto:Info@SoldNoMore.org).

Over at 2469 N. Country Club a new storefront has opened that is geared to helping women who have been trafficked. It's called **Free Ever After**. The founder is Cynthia Magallanes. What they do is take in wedding gowns or other formal dresses, repair/rehab them, and sell them. All of the profits after expenses go to Sold No More.

What they need are donations of dresses and/or cash. In addition, they're looking for help from the business community in the form of dry cleaners, tailors, printers – whatever it takes to get the clothing ready for resale and to get the word out into the community about what they're offering. Right now they've got nearly 60 wed-

ding gowns and over 200 other pieces of formal wear.

The store hours are M-F from 1pm until 5pm, and on Saturday's from 10am until 3pm. You should call 325.9570 if you'd like to set up an appointment to go in and see if they have a bridal gown that works for you. When you go please realize that all of the floor workers are there volunteering their time. With that in mind, if there's a professional bridal consultant who'd like to share his/her expertise with the Free Ever After staff, I know Cynthia would be all over it.

I mentioned the need for collaboration among community members to touch the various needs we have here. This is an example of where that's happening – and where you may be able to assist if you've got the skill sets they need to fill gaps.

#### **Alvernon-Grant Initiative**

AGI is a group that was formed in response to quality of life issues that were occurring at and around the Alvernon/Grant intersection. The four neighborhoods involved have tackled meth houses, drug use, and they're now pushing for graffiti abatement. In each of those issues, the City is reliant on the collaboration of neighborhood partners to work with us as eyes/ears and feet on the street. We at Ward 6 appreciate their work.

Also included in the AGI work are some of the local businesses. I'm giving kudos this week to Fry's grocery store (located on the southeast corner the Grant/Alvernon intersection) for helping the AGI effort to attract new residents into that work. It's largely through an email distribution list that word is filtered out among the residents as to criminal traffic taking place in the area. Fry's is donating a \$25 Gift Card at each monthly AGI meeting for which new listserv members will be eligible to win.

As a side note, that particular store has been having some financially challenging months recently, in large measure due to thefts. Even with that they're continuing to support the work that AGI is doing. If you need a loaf of bread, you might consider a trip to that store. They deserve some support in exchange for the support they've given to the AGI effort. Remember my point on the Budget Roundtable; we need a collaborative approach throughout the City. AGI is a great example of that, and now Fry's is also getting engaged.



I'm pretty 'right brain' – analytical and therefore have a tough time understanding Contemporary Art. And yet, I like trying.

Last Friday evening my bride and I joined a few hundred others at the annual MOCA Gala fund raising event. MOCA is our own local contemporary art museum, and in fact is the only local facility that's devoted 100% to contemporary art. When you go you'll see both local pieces and art that's international in scope. They also host educational events and Artists in Residence opportunities.

The current exhibit falls into the 'international in scope' category. Janaina Tschape was born in Germany. Her work is a combination of video, large scale drawings, paintings and cut paper. They'll be on display until 4/27. While I don't get contemporary art well enough to sit and interpret what each piece is saying, I appreciated Janaina's work as it was fun, light and engaging. I think you'll appreciate it, too.

Thanks to outgoing President Randi Dorman and to incoming President Courtney McEniry for the work they did in arranging the event last Friday. Museum hours are Wednesday through Sunday from noon until 5pm. Check them out. Our Real Estate and City Manager's offices are working on an extension of the MOCA 5 year lease. Five years ago they were fledglings. Now they're an established art facility. They're located at 265 S. Church.

#### **Green Valley Dem Gun Forum**

Last week I reported to you on the forum in which I participated down in Green Valley along with Sherriff Dupnik and Representative Barber. The moderator of the event is the editor of the Green Valley News, Dan Shearer. Following the forum, Dan wrote a review/op.ed. I think he captured the issue well.



Here it is:

[http://www.gvnews.com/opinion/columnists/editor\\_dan\\_shearer/from-the-editor-guns-and-solutions/article\\_d5e810ca-bf8a-11e3-aa3d-0019bb2963f4.html](http://www.gvnews.com/opinion/columnists/editor_dan_shearer/from-the-editor-guns-and-solutions/article_d5e810ca-bf8a-11e3-aa3d-0019bb2963f4.html)

On a related note, I found a recent report on suicide prevention to be validation of my efforts to try to get local gun stores and shooting ranges to post suicide prevention hotlines / and take mental health first aid training. As you may recall, they instantly pushed back against the idea. It'd be nice if these data changed a mind or two.

In a study on the effects of 13 years of war conducted with an all-volunteer force, it was found that the Israelis saw a 40% drop in suicides when they forbade soldiers from taking their weapons home with them on weekends when it was determined the person involved was in crisis mode. The suicide rates remained static during the week. Michael Mullen, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, tried to use that and data from a domestic study to try to get something similar implemented in the U.S. military. Based on strong objections from the NRA, the effort failed. The bone that was tossed is that they can ask a soldier at risk whether or not they own a private weapon. That's it.

Earlier I noted in relation to education funding that this is an election year for State offices. That's true also of the whole gun control/background check issue as it relates to both State and Federal candidates. If you feel these are important issues, then ask the candidates where they stand and vote accordingly.

### **Computer Password Breach**

Finally, last week an internet security breach was made public, but I didn't see anything on the local news about it. I guess it wasn't sexy enough, but I felt it's important enough to alert you to. The flaw hackers found is called "Heartbleed."

What it means is that any website for which you have an account, either for work or personally, may have been hacked. Your password may now be breached. It's especially true for websites like Google, Facebook, but also your banking and personal email service. If you share the same passwords on different sites, you could be especially vulnerable as hackers could one-stop-shop on you.

The link below shows some of the most popular websites and their security status. It might be worth a peek:

<http://mashable.com/2014/04/09/heartbleed-bug-websites-affected/>

Sincerely,



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## **Events Calendar**

What's happening this week in the Downtown, 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and Main Gate areas . . .

### **Faith Communities and Mental Illness Conference**

Friday, April 25, 2014 8:00-4:30 PM

Catalina United Methodist Church 2700 E. Speedway

Day-long conference offers insights and resources to reduce stigma and provide support

Register now at [icstucson.org](http://icstucson.org)

### **Ward 6 Water Education Night (and Tree Distribution!)**

Join Tucson Water at the Ward 6 Office on April 30th from 6 to 7:30pm to celebrate Water Awareness

Month and learn about water in our community. Do we have enough water for the future? How is Tucson

Water keeping water safe and secure? Why do water rates go up? What does it cost to deliver water to your tap? Is Tucson Water investing in improvements and technology? Learn the answers to these question and come with your own!

Does your home need some low water shade trees? **Bring your TEP account number** to our Water Education Night and leave with drought-resistant plants from Trees for Tucson for only \$5 each!

## Ongoing . . . .

**The Rogue Theatre** at The Historic Y, 300 East University Blvd

Dante's Purgatorio by Patrick Baliani

April 24–May 11, 2014

Thursday–Saturday 7:30 P.M., Sunday 2:00 P.M. plus a Saturday 2:00 P.M. Matinee May 10

<http://www.theroguetheatre.org/main.htm>

**Fox Theatre**, 17 W. Congress St.

[www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org](http://www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org)

**Rialto Theatre**, 318 E. Congress St.

<http://www.rialtotheatre.com/>

**Hotel Congress**, 311 E. Congress St.

<http://hotelcongress.com/>

**Loft Cinema**, 3233 E. Speedway Blvd.

[www.loftcinema.com/](http://www.loftcinema.com/)

**Tucson Museum of Art**, 140 N. Main Ave.

[www.TucsonMuseumofArt.org](http://www.TucsonMuseumofArt.org)

**Jewish History Museum**, 564 S. Stone Ave.

The Jewish History Museum presents "Cowboys, Merchants, Miners, & Booze," an exhibit that celebrates the lives of Tucson's Jewish pioneers.

[www.jewishhistorymuseum.org](http://www.jewishhistorymuseum.org)

**Children's Museum Tucson**, 200 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm; Saturdays & Sundays: 10:00am - 5:00pm

[www.childrensmuseumtucson.org](http://www.childrensmuseumtucson.org)

**Arizona State Museum** 1013 E. University Blvd

November 9, 2013, through July 2015 **Curtis Reframed: The Arizona Portfolios**

[www.statemuseum.arizona.edu](http://www.statemuseum.arizona.edu)

**UA Mineral Museum**, 1601 E University Blvd

Ongoing "100 Years of Arizona's Best: The Minerals that Made the State"

**Southern Arizona Transportation Museum**, 414 N Toole Ave.

Explore regional transportation history, and see a freight trains passing by, or ring the locomotive bell at the Southern Arizona Transportation Museum every Saturday, year round.

Tuesday – Thursday, Sunday: 1100am - 3:00pm; Friday & Saturdays: 10:00am - 4:00pm

<http://www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org/>

**Sacred Machine Museum & Curiosity Shop**, 245 E Congress St

<http://sacredmachine.com/>

**Meet Me at Maynards**

A social walk/run through the Downtown area

Every Monday, rain or shine, holidays too!

Hotel Congress

Check-in begins at 5:15pm.

[www.MeetMeatMaynards.com](http://www.MeetMeatMaynards.com)

**Butterfly Magic at the Gardens**

2150 N. Alvernon Way, Tucson, AZ 85712

February 10, 2014 - April 30, 2014

<http://www.tucsonbotanical.org/>

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